



October 29, 2021

Town of Philipstown Conservation Board
238 Main Street, PO Box 155
Cold Spring, NY 10516

RE: Surprise Lake Camp
382 Lake Surprise Road
Tax Map # 27.-1-1.1

Dear Chairman Galezo and Members of the Board:

Enclosed please find ten (10 copies) of the following items:

- Drawing SP-2.2.1 "Grading and Drainage Plan – Lower Road Improvements", last revised July 29, 2021.
- NYSDEC Stream Disturbance Permit.

In 2018, Surprise Lake Camp obtained approval from the Philipstown Planning Board and Conservation Board for a series of improvements to occur on the camp property. It was decided to construct this improvement in two phases with Phase 1 construction beginning in the spring of 2019. Phase 1 sought to widen the existing Item 4 lower access road to accommodate two-way traffic and construct a turnaround behind the existing main building. This allowed traffic to be redirected away from the front of the main building which is a primary pedestrian area.

Phase 2 consisted of a series of improvements between the main camp building and Lake Surprise. Construction did not begin on Phase 2.

During Phase 1 construction, a stop work order was issued as the contractor deviated from the approved plan and worked within 100 feet of a watercourse without approval. Upon receipt of the stop work order, the applicant reappeared before your board in the summer and fall of 2019. The result of those meetings was a series of improvements shown on Drawing SP-2.2.1 (attached herewith). These improvements consisted of the construction of an open bottom box culvert to replace an existing washed-out stream crossing, and other drainage improvements.

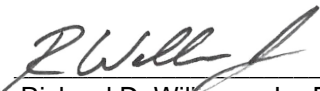
In the fall of 2019, the Conservation Board had accepted the improvements as shown. We were instructed to obtain a NYSDEC Stream Disturbance Permit, and once obtained, provide a copy of same to this Board to have the stop work order lifted. At that time, it was discussed that we would not need to reappear before the board. Attached is a copy of that approval.

However, based on the amount of time that has passed, it was requested that we reappear before the board to provide an update, review the previously accepted improvements prior to implementing them, and discuss removal of the stop work order.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this information, please feel free to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

INSITE ENGINEERING, SURVEYING & LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, P.C.

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